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Treaties Bureau

Draft Submitted for Approval of Higher Office "Matter
Relating to the Establishment of an Office Concerning
JAPANESE Residing in Enemy Countries and Enemy Nationals
Residing in JAPAN."

In the present GREATER EAST ASIA War, the Foreign Ministry finds it necessary to ensure the protection of JAPANESE interned in enemy countries and also make the world aware of JAPAN's moral principles by treating the enemy nationals under our jurisdiction and control in a fair and just manner. Since the treatment of JAPANESE Nationals interned in enemy countries and the treatment accorded enemy nationals under our jurisdiction have an inseparable and close relationship, it is necessary that matters relating to the above, which are now being dealt with by various bureaus and sections, be unified and dealt with in a comprehensive manner. Therefore, it is requested that a new office be established under the direct jurisdiction of the Vice-Minister, and composed mainly of repatriated diplomats; and have this office deal with the afore-mentioned matter.

We hereby request your approval.

I. Work to be handled by the new office. (Full liaison shall be maintained with bureaus and sections concerned.)

(1) Matters relating to investigations and improvements of the conditions of JAPANESE nationals who are prisoners of war, internees, and internees in concentration camps in enemy nations.

It shall have the Interests Protecting Representative Nation; the International Red Cross Committee; the exchanged repatriates, or the Vatican, report on the conditions. As regards unsatisfactory treatment, requests for improvements and protests shall be presented through proper channels, or relief funds and goods shall be forwarded by the Government, the JAPANESE Red Cross Society, Overseas Japanese Associations, etc., to improve conditions.

The location and safekeeping of the aforementioned JAPANESE (excluding prisoners of war) shall be investigated, and a list of names shall be made which will be announced in newspapers and the Official Gazette, or communications made with families residing in JAPAN.

(2) Matters relating to exchange of residents with enemy nations.

(3) Matters relating to enemy nationals who are internees, prisoners of war, or interned in concentration camps under JAPANESE jurisdiction.

Looks after business related to the treatment (clothes, food, living quarters, inquiries and answers as to safety, communication of the "list" (T.N. of their names), appointment of, and calls on, the nation representing their interests and the delegation of the International Committee of Red Cross, communications, relief, labor, punishment, repatriation, etc.) of the above mentioned enemy nationals. Among the above mentioned business shall be included, replying to proposals from enemy countries and other sources.

(4) In dealing with the above mentioned business, shall handle negotiations with and guidance to the interest protecting power, International Committee of the Red Cross or Vatican, and to give guidance to relief bodies at home and abroad.

(5) Business related to Liaison and Consulting Association for affairs of non-combatant internees.

(6) Though the protection of the Japanese who are not interned or are not made to live in a concentration camp, or of those living in countries with which diplomatic relations are severed, is to be looked after by the Political Affairs Bureau, it shall keep in close touch with this office.

II. Personnel constituting the new office will, for the time being, be as follows:

Minister (Class 1)	1
General Consul (Class 1)	1
Consul (Class 2)	2
Vice-Consul (Class 3)	3
Branch officials	5
Officials of non-regular status	5
Miscellaneous employees	5
Laborers	8

Non-regular service officials, miscellaneous employees, and laborers shall be, as a matter of principle, selected from those within the Ministry.

Data for Explaining at Cabinet Meeting
re Internee and P.O.W. Duties (November 19, 1942 "JC"-2)

The Foreign Ministry has, with Minister SUZUKI who returned recently to JAPAN from EGYPT and who has been ordered to engage temporarily in FOREIGN Ministry Duties - as their chief, arranged to have several diplomats and Consulate members, who have returned to JAPAN from enemy countries, engage in the following duties, maintaining liaison with the Bureaus and Sections concerned:

- 1) Duties regarding Investigations and Improvement of the Conditions of Japanese held as Internees, Concentration Camp Internees or POW's in Enemy Countries.

The Interest Protecting Powers, the International Red Cross Committee, Exchanged Repatriates or the Vatican shall make reports regarding their condition (clothing, food and living quarters, hygiene, labor, punitive measures, communication with their home country, etc.); to submit demands or protests through suitable channels regarding any bad treatment; or to try to improve their conditions by sending relief goods from the Government, Japan Red Cross Society, and Overseas Compatriot Societies /T.N. KAIGAI DOBO KYOKAI/ etc. Investigating the addresses and state of health of the aforesaid JAPANESE (excluding POW's) and compiling Name Registers, or publishing same in the newspapers or the "Official Gazette" or enabling them to communicate with their family members in JAPAN.

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- 2) Business with enemy countries concerning the exchange of residents.
- 3) Business relative to the prisoners of war, internees or enemy countries' nationals who are now in concentration camps as internees within the influence of JAPAN.

Business will be handled pertaining to the treatment of enemy nationals, the visit by the representatives of the interest-protecting powers or by the members of the

Red Cross Society's International Committee, Shipments from enemy countries of relief supplies and remittance of money, inquiry and information as to the status of the persons affected.

The above business includes such jobs as dealing with protests or any other representations that may be submitted by enemy countries and others.

- 4) With regard to the prosecution of the aforementioned business: liaison with various government agencies in JAPAN, negotiations with the protecting powers, the International Committee of the Red Cross Society and the Vatican, and guidance of such negotiations; guidance for the relief Associations at home and abroad.

Further, the affairs relative to the protection of Japanese-owned assets in enemy countries will, just as heretofore, be put under jurisdiction of the Foreign Trade Bureau of the Foreign Office; and also matters relative to disposal of assets owned by enemy nationals in JAPAN under the jurisdiction of the Finance Ministry just as in the past.

Thus these matters will be handled by the Enemy Assets Control Commission formed by the relevant officials of various ministries.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, HAYASHI, Kaoru, Chief of the Archives Section of the Secretariat of the Foreign Ministry, do hereby certify that the Draft submitted for approval of Higher Office, "Matter Relating to the Establishment of an Office Concerning Japanese Residing in Enemy Countries and Enemy Nationals Residing in Japan" (IPS Document No. 3337) was approved by Higher Office on 14 November 1942; that said Office began conducting its duties by virtue of the approved regulations (draft of which was approved 14 November 1942), on or about 1 December 1942, with SUZUKI, Tadakatsu as Head of the Office.

/s/ HAYASHI, Kaoru

/s/ SATO, Takegoro
WITNESS

Tokyo, Japan

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昭和十七年十月十二日起案
昭和十七年十一月十四日決裁

條約局第二課長

高裁案

在敵國邦人及我邦在在敵國關係事務部(假稱)
設置之關スル件

今次大東亞戰爭ニ於テ外務省トシテハ在敵國抑
留邦人ノ保護ニ遺憾ナキヲ期スルト共ニ我權内ニ在ル敵
國人ヲ公正ニ取扱ヒ帝國ノ道義ヲ毛界ニ知ラシムルヲ要
アル處在敵國抑留本邦人ノ取扱ヒ帝國ノ權内ニ在
ル敵國人ノ取扱ヒトハ密接不可分ノ關係アルヲ以テ現
在各局課ニテ處理シ居ル石取扱關係事務ハ之ヲ
統一シ綜合的見地ヨリ處理スルノ要アリ仍テ別紙
ノ通次官直屬ノ臨時機關トシテ主トシテ歸朝外
交官ヲ以テ構成スル新事務部ヲ設置シ之ヲシテ
石事務ノ處理ニ當ラシムルト致度

右仰高裁

一 新事務部ヲ於テ処理スヘキ事務（関係局課トモ連絡モトス）

(1) 敵国ニ於テ停虜、抑留者又ハ集團生活者トナリ居ル邦人ノ状況、調査及改善ニ関スル事務

利益代表国、赤十字国際委員会、交換帰朝者又ハ法王廟ヲ其ノ状況ヲ報告セシメ其ノ待遇ノ不良ノ是行適当ノ機関ヲ通シ改善ヲ要求シ抗議ヲ提スルハ政府、日本赤十字社、海外同胞協会等ヨリ救恤金、救恤品ヲ送付シ其ノ状態ノ改善ヲ計ルヨリ記邦人（停虜ヲ除ク）居所安否ヲ調査シ名簿ヲ作成シ新聞又ハ官報ニ之ヲ公表シ又ハ本邦ニ在ル家族ト通信ヲ行ハシム

(2) 敵国トノ居留民交換事務

(3) 帝国ノ権内ニ在ル停虜、抑留者又ハ集團生活者トナリ居ル敵国人関係事務

左敵国人ノ待遇（衣食住、安否、同食、リストノ通報、利益代表国、赤十字国際委員会代表ノ設置及其ノ訪問、通信、救恤労働、処罰、送還等）ニ関スル事務ヲ行フ左事務ハ敵国其ノヨリ、申出ニ付シテ報酬ニ事務ヲ含ム

(4) 前記事務ノ実施ニ関シ利益代表国、赤十字国際委員会及法王廟トノ交渉及指導、国内及国外ノ救恤団作ノ指導

(5) 抑留非戦士事務連絡協議会関係事務

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(六) 敵国ニ在リ抑留又ハ集團主語タル者ハ居留地邦人及斷交
 国ニ在リ邦人ハ保護ハ政府局於テ之ヲ行フモ事務部
 ト充テ合連ス

才三 新事務部、構成人員

不取敢任、負ヲシテ又

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| 公使級 | 一名 |
| 總領事級 | 一名 |
| 領事級 | 二名 |
| 副領事級 | 三名 |
| 判任官 | 五名 |
| 書記 | 五名 |
| 庶務員 | 五名 |
| 傭人 | 八名 |

雇託雇員傭人ハ省内手融通ニ建テ上

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抑者及(重事務)國文

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外務省ニ於テハ、戰後及ヨリ、朝鮮、臨時外務省
事務ニ從事スルニ奉命セラル、茲本公使ヲ主班トシ
敵國ヨリ歸朝スル時、命外交官、領事官、數名ヲテ
關係、局、課ト連絡シ、上次ノ事務ニ主班ツルニトナリ
一、敵國ニ於テ、抑留者、在米團生、活者又ハ、俘虜ナリ
居ル邦人、其狀況、調査及改善、團ニ事務ヲ
利益代表國、赤十字國、陸軍委員會、交換歸
朝者又ハ、五廳又ハ其狀況（衣食住、衛生、醫
療、訓練、母國ト通信）ヲ報告セシメ、其待遇、不良
ノ點ニ付、適當ノ救済ヲ用シ、改善ヲ要求シ、抗議
ヲ提出シ、又ハ政府、日本赤十字會、海外同胞協會等
ヨリ救恤金品、送付シ、其狀況、改善ヲ計ル
前記邦人（俘虜、病者）ノ居所、安否ヲ調査シ、在
留者、作成、新聞又ハ官報ニ之ヲ發表シ、又ハ本邦ニ
在ル家族、通信ヲ行ハシ
二、敵國ト各領民、交換事務ヲ
三、高麗、樺太、在留者、抑留者又ハ、在米團生
活者トシ、居ル敵國人、團生、事務ヲ
右、敵國人ノ待遇、利益代表國、及赤十字國
陸軍委員會、訪問、敵國ヨリ、救恤金品、送付安
否、由合等、二國人ノ事務ヲ行フ

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右事務、敵國其他、協議其他、申出
二對之應酬又此事務ヲ含ム

四、前記事務ノ實施ニ因ミ國內諸官廳ト連
絡利益代表國、并テ十字國陸軍委員會及法
五廳ト、交渉及指導國內及國外救恤
團體指導。

尚、敵國ニ在ル本邦人ノ財産保護ノ問題、從
來通外務省通商局ニ於テ主官ニ又日本ニ
在ル敵國人財産ノ處理問題モ從來通リ
大藏省ニ於テ主官ニ各官ノ關係官事
成ル敵産管理委員會ニ於テ處理ス

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證 明 書

昭和十七年十一月十四日決裁を経て設置された
在敵國居留民関係事務室は同年十二月
一日より事務を開始した
右當課保存の記録によつて證明す。

昭和二十三年一月九日

外務大臣官房文書課長

杯 馨 (林)

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證明書

ワシントン文書局 第
國際檢察部 第三三三七號

典據及公正に關する證明

余、佐藤武立郎、余が下記資格に於て、即ち一文書課長代理トシテ、日本政府との關係に在リ、且、該官吏トシテ余が茲ニ添附セリタル、七頁ヨリ成ル、千九百四十二年ノ昭和十七年ノ十二月十四日附、下記題名、即ち在敵國邦人及我方在在敵國人關係事務部(假稱)設置ニ關スル件、文書保管ニ任シ居ルヲ茲ニ證明ス。

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東京ニ於テ署名

当該官吏署名欄

佐藤武立郎 (佐藤)

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外務事務官(文書課長代理)

證人

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私、外務大臣官房文書課長林馨、決裁ヲ仰ゲル
ニ申セリシ「在敵國居留民並ニ在日敵國人関係事
務室設置ノ件」と題スル案書類第ニ二三三ノ一が一九四
二年十一月十四日決裁ヲ経テ事、並ニ該事務室、決裁ヲ
経テ規定（其、案、一九四二年十一月十四日ニ決裁ヲ受ケタ）
ニ基キ「鈴木タツヲ主仕トシテ同年十二月一日又、
其、頃ヨリ事務ヲ開始シテ事ヲ茲ニ証明スル

昭和二十三年一月二十日

於東京

林 馨 (印)

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同日於同所

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